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TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph.")

THE FIERCEST BATTLE OF THE WAR.

A DEATH STRUGGLE ON THE WESTERN FRONT.

THE ENEMY ACCEPTS BATTLE IN THE OPEN.

London, April 24.
Reuter's correspondent at the British Headquarters, wiring on the evening of April 23, says:—Furious fighting is progressing. The situation can be summed up by saying that we have taken over 1,500 prisoners, our guns have inflicted most heavy casualties, and we have done well in some places but not so well in others. We are now confronted, not by a regular trench system, but by innumerable disconnected defensive patches in the shape of small redoubts, traverses and caps. Hence, while the Germans are indifferently sheltered and heavily punished by shell fire, the advance is slow against the machine guns. It is at present our business to clear out the widely-burrowed enemy by pounding every acre of the honey-combed ground instead of assaulting the positions frontally. The Germans are bound desperately to resist here, but the more they resist, the heavier will be their losses.

'A Struggle to the Death.'

London, April 24.
The second phase of the battle of Arras is described by correspondents as the most difficult of the war and as a struggle to the death. The Germans, no longer uncertain of the point of attack, have brought up many more guns, and new field howitzer batteries are thickly grouped between the Lens and Cambrai-Arras roads. Wherever the German infantry withstands assault, it was wholly due to the supporting artillery and machine-guns. Wherever the British got within striking distance of the enemy position, the occupants ran to meet them, throwing up their hands, or bolted.

A Pomeranian Regiment south of Cambrai was demoralized by the appalling shell-fire and surrendered in batches of five hundred, throwing up their hands immediately the British infantry appeared. A battery of field guns was overwhelmed by the British and was captured in the same area. A stout resistance was made by the Third Bavarian Division around Guenappe, where fortified houses and dug-outs had been bombed by English, Welsh and Scottish troops. Apart from the innumerable machine-guns, the ground was alive with snipers, and many British were shot from behind after entering the German lines.

The Fiercest Battle of the War.

London, April 24.
Reuter's correspondent at the British Headquarters, writing on the 24th inst., says:—I believe it is true that the battle now progressing on the British front is the fiercest of the whole war. The Germans are throwing in large reserves and have brought up a great number of fresh guns. They probably realise that the battle now developing may assume a decisive character and are therefore resisting desperately. This is exactly what we most wanted. They are certainly now accepting battle in the open.

So far, we have gained much and lost nothing. As I write, the guns are as boisterous as a hurricane. The great struggle is going on with undiminished intensity under a deep blue sky everywhere. I hear that the German casualties are very heavy.

New British Gains.

London, April 24.
Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, in a communique, says:—The severe fighting continued on Monday evening and during the night on the whole front from Croisilles to the north of Gavrelle. The enemy constantly repeated unsuccessful counter-attacks with great determination, regardless of losses.

We maintained the position gained on Monday and further progressed to the east of Monchy-le-Preux, and also in the neighbourhood of Reux.

We successfully beat off a violent counter-attack at Gavrelle. The prisoners taken exceed 1,500, and many more are coming in. We gained ground during the night on a wide front east of Epehy and reached the St. Quentin Canal, in the neighbourhood of Vendhuile. We captured the villages of Villers Plouich and Beaucamp further north.

The Enemy's Waste of Man-Power.

London, April 25.
Reuter's correspondent at the British Headquarters, writing on the evening of April 24, says:—The Germans have clearly realised they are desperately trying to counter the menace to their whole system of communications lying in the new Franco-British offensive. During the past thirty-six hours they have been throwing in strategic reserves wholesale and recklessly rushing up guns and ammunition as fast as possible. The enemy's present tactics strongly contrast with his recent methods, when he manifested a desire to conserve his man-power. He is repeatedly attacking in mass formation, regardless of the appalling cost. Despite the furious resistance, we are steadily gaining ground at various important points forming the main objective. East of Monchy we crept towards high ground across the Aubeppes gully, thereby improving the R. 10 on this key position.

The artillery appears to be gradually subduing the most active enemy fire in the region of the Scarpe and is constantly keeping the Arras-Douai Railway under fire, making the bringing up of German ammunition very difficult. The fighting is most severe in the Scarpe Valley. The steadfastness of the British infantry was never more splendid, as is demonstrated by the heroic fighting proceeding at Croisilles and Gavrelle. It is impossible, within reasonable space, to tell of the heroism and dash displayed. We have progressed well to the south of the Cambrai road. Strong patrols are established upon the St. Quentin Canal at Vendhuile, midway between St. Quentin and Douai. This cutting of the canal deprives the Germans of one of their main means of communication.

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THE FIERCEST BATTLE OF THE WAR.

On the French Front.

London, April 24.
A French communique states:—Our artillery beat down some enemy batteries in the regions of St. Quentin and the Oise. Two German reconnaissance squadrons, endeavouring to reach our lines in the direction of Hamcourt were repulsed with heavy losses. There has been a violent artillery struggle in the regions of Hartman and Foulon, in the valley of Gronne. There have been minor actions, enabling us to advance and improve our positions on the plateau at Chemin des Dames and in the direction of Juvincourt, where we carried a German post. We successfully bombarded the enemy's lines of communication in Champagne.

AMERICAN EXPORTS.

Unaffected by the Submarine Menace.

London, April 24.
A message from Washington states that, despite the submarine menace, the value of the United States exports in March was \$551,278,000, which was only exceeded in January, when the exports were unprecedented.

THE BRITISH MISSION TO AMERICA.

Its Object Explained.

London, April 24.
Reuter's correspondent at Washington states that Mr. Balfour called at the State Department and the White House and was everywhere observed. He leashed at the French Embassy and dined with President Wilson at the White House.

Mr. Lansing, in reply to enquiries, said that the day's conferences were most cordial. The British Commission had come asking for nothing, but for the sole purpose of enlightening the United States on the mistakes of the Entente at the outset of the war. The French Commission's visit would be of assistance. Mr. Lansing did not expect anything in the nature of War Conferences.

A Happy Invitation.

London, April 24.
Reuter's correspondent at Washington states that, at the invitation of the Vice President, Mr. Balfour and Mr. Viviani will address a joint session of the Senate and the House of Representatives. The date has not yet been fixed.

MR. BONAR LAW'S SON MISSING.

London, April 24.
Lieutenant Law, of the Borderers (second son of Mr. Bonar Law), is wounded and missing in Palestine.

RUSSIAN STEAMER TORPEDOED.

Socialists Incensed at the Act.

London, April 24.
A telegram from Petrograd states that the news of the submerging of the steamer Zars, with returning Russian exiles, was a thunderbolt to Russian Socialist extremists, who declare that the German rulers must pay for this blow at the Revolution.

ENEMY SHIPS IN AMERICA.

Legislation to Secure Their Use.

London, April 24.
Reuter's correspondent at Washington states that Bills have been introduced in both Houses enabling the use of interned Austro-German ships, the rights involved to be determined after the war.

FRENCH PATROL BOAT'S PLUCKY VENTURE.

London, April 24.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Paris, a French patrol boat on the morning of the 22nd entered the defended port of Byrrout and left without sustaining damage, after firing twenty-four shots and drawing the enemy's fire.

MR. HUGHES AND CONSCRIPTION.

London, April 24.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Bendigo, Mr. Hughes, in the course of a speech, stated:—"If national disaster threatened Australia and the Empire, I would certainly again propose Conscription."

DUTCH PRECAUTIONS.

The Government on the Alert.

London, April 24.
According to Reuter's correspondent at The Hague, replying to questions, the War Minister gave assurances that the Dutch anti-Zeppelin guns were efficient. He also stated that measures were being considered for a stricter supervision of foreigners and that the Government considers the completion of the coast defences to be necessary.

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THE MESOPOTAMIA SUCCESSES.

Big Capture of Rolling Stock.

London, April 24.
General Maude reports as follows:—The battle on the right bank of the Tigris between Samarra and Lashbali was continued during the night of the 22nd inst. There was severe hand-to-hand fighting and numerous enemy counter-attacks. We drove out the enemy from a stubbornly defended position, which had been elaborately prepared with iron roofs and dug-outs. We pursued the enemy and occupied Samarra station on the 22nd, the enemy having hastily destroyed everything possible. Our captures include sixteen locomotives, 224 railway trucks and two barges. The enemy's casualties on the 21st and 22nd were heavy.

TORPEDOING OF HOSPITAL SHIPS.

Wise Decision by French Government.

London, April 24.
It is officially announced that, after the German announcement that hospital ships will be torpedoed, the French Government has intimated that German prisoners will be embarked thereon.

A TYPICAL GERMAN EXCUSE.

London, April 24.
Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam says it is officially announced from Berlin that the reason for felling fruit trees in the evacuated territory is to prevent the use of the leaves in summer-time as enemy cover.

(In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on an Extra.)

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE ALLIED ADVANCE.

French Report Stubborn Fighting.

London, April 24.
A French communique states:—In Belgium we completely repulsed several enemy attacks. At various points enemy parties succeeded in penetrating our advanced elements, but were driven out again immediately after hand-to-hand fighting, leaving prisoners. Between the Somme and the Oise our batteries carried out an effective and destructive fire against German organisations. Between the Aisne and Chemin-des-Dames we made progress north of Sancy. Artillery duels were particularly severe in the sector of Hurbise farm.

Our pilots were engaged in numerous aerial fights on the 22nd inst., bringing down six enemy aeroplanes. Fourteen of our aeroplanes on the night of April 22-23 dropped 1,740 kilograms of projectiles on stations and bivouacs in the valley of the Aisne.

British Gain Important Positions.

Paris, April 24.
Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports: There was continuous fighting all day long on both banks of the Scarpe and important positions were gained. A marked feature of the operations is the frequency and violence of the counter-attacks in which very heavy enemy losses are incurred. We captured Gavrelle village and two and a half miles of defences to the south of the village as far as Roux cemetery. We fought our way forward to the right bank of the Scarpe on a wide front southward and eastward of Monchy-le-Preux and captured Guenappe.

We took prisoner considerably over a thousand. We also made progress south-westward of Lens. There was great aerial activity on Sunday in which our aircraft were entirely successful. Six German aeroplanes were brought down and fifteen were driven down. Two of ours attacked eight machines, bringing down two and driving down a third. Our anti-aircraft guns shot down a fourth. We also destroyed seven kite balloons. Four of our machines are missing.

A General Air of Satisfaction.

London, April 24.
Reuter's correspondent at Headquarters states that the prisoners are eloquent in speaking of our overwhelming shell-fire. Our batteries advanced close to the infantry and, besides drum firing the enemy positions, they barraged all communications making it almost impossible for reinforcements and supplies to come up. Many tanks are in action. There is a general air of satisfaction in the various headquarters that we are able to get at such great masses of the enemy when they anxiously slip away. It must be emphasised that territory only counts in the decision we are now endeavouring to force when it confers mastery of position, but it is inevitable that the end will come whether the Germans are defeated in their present positions or miles back.

SUPPRESSION OF OPIUM TRADE.

London, April 24.
At a meeting at the Carlton Hall to wind up the Society for the Suppression of the Opium Trade, Bishop Brent (of the Philippines) paid a tribute to the power China had shown in ridding herself of the terrible incubus, the opium trade, even during a great revolution. Only those who knew the Chinese at close quarters could appreciate their wonderful potentiality as a nation. The Chinese Minister said the Chinese Government would not rest until even clandestine opium smoking was entirely stopped.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

(The opinions expressed by correspondents are not necessarily those of the "Hongkong Telegraph.")

TO-MORROW'S MEETING.

(To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph.")

Sir,—As the notice in your issue to-day sets forth, in response to a widely expressed desire from many members of the community, who were ineligible to attend the Chamber of Commerce meeting yesterday and to record a vote thereon on the question of the exclusion of Germans from this Colony for a period of years after the Declaration of Peace, I have ventured to call a public meeting in the Theatre for tomorrow afternoon at 5.30, which, I trust, will be largely attended.

I would point out that this meeting is in no way connected with the Chamber of Commerce, which has already expressed its opinion in no uncertain manner, but is intended to give an opportunity to the great body of business men in this Colony not directly associated with the Chamber to record their vote.

Yours etc.
P. H. HOLYOAK.
Hongkong, April 25, 1917.

MILES OF CLOTH AND FLANNEL.

Mr. Forster's Wonderful War Figures.

After paying a warm tribute to the memory of Lord Kitchener, Mr. H. W. Forster, in introducing the Army Estimates in the House of Commons, gave some highly interesting details of the work that has been accomplished on all the fronts.

Referring to the development of the Royal Flying Corps, he mentioned that Flying Schools had been established in Canada and Egypt, and anti-aircraft stations had been installed at various places. While not wishing to boast of what would happen in the case of renewed Zeppelin raids, he would only say this, that the War Office had profited to the full by experience.

An interesting passage referred to the health of the troops, and Mr. Forster gave the following figures relating to malarial fever cases up to last week:—

France	4
S. Indies	9
Egypt	3
Mesopotamia	8

Taking France alone, the number of cases among British troops of the typical group of diseases was 4,571. In the South African War the total was 69,000, and there were 8,227 deaths.

Mr. Forster stated that Lord Derby had invited Mr. Andrew Weir, a man of great business experience, to aid in the Supply Service.

The Financial Secretary gave the following interesting statistics:—

Clothes trained during the year	52,000
Vegetable gardens in Mesopotamia (acres)	8,000
Army boots (per month) at outbreak of war	50,000
At present (pairs)	1,300,000
Gas helmets	25,000,000
Sandbags	250,000,000
Khaki cloth (yards)	105,000,000
Flannel (yards)	115,000,000

There had been made, Mr. Forster added, 117,000 miles of cloth and flannel, enough to go four and a half times round the earth at the Equator.

DON'T FORGET.

TO-MORROW.
Public Meeting at Theatre Royal, 5.30 p.m.
Victoria Theatre, 8.15 p.m.
Byron Theatre, 8.15 p.m.
New Shanghai Theatre, 8.15 p.m.

GENERAL NEWS.

Austrians in China.
The Governor of Kwangtung has reported to Peking that the foreign Salt Inspector of the Hainan district, an Austrian subject, has secured a passport to travel through Hanoi, Hanoi, Anhai and other places. The Government is taking steps to keep itself informed of the movements of all Austrians in China.

Honours for a Chinese Vice-Minister.

Tokyo, April 14.—H. M. the Emperor has decorated Mr. Wang Fu-wei, Chinese Vice-Minister of Communications, with the Order of the Sacred Treasure, 3rd Class. His Imperial Majesty will go to a garden party to-day which is being given in honour of Mr. Wang and his suite, who leave Tokyo this evening for Nara, Kyoto, Osaka and Miyajima to visit factories and shipyards.

Imports to Russia Through Vladivostok.

Peking, April 16.—Renter's correspondent is informed by the Russian Legation that according to a decision of the Russian Council of Ministers, goods not connected with national defence are prohibited from being imported through Vladivostok. Requests for authorisation to import goods connected with national defence through Vladivostok must be addressed to the Commercial Department of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry in Petrograd.

Tokyo, April 16.—Mr. Wang Fu-wei, Vice-Minister of Communications, on the eve of his departure made the following statement to the Press:—"Brief as my stay has been, the very cordial receptions accorded everywhere have enabled me to bring home useful and lasting impressions calculated to bring our two countries closer together. The stage has now been reached in the relations of our two countries, to carry out in a practical manner and realise our friendship by promoting our mutual interests, economic and otherwise. Improvement in communications and conveyance between the two countries is necessary for that purpose. China has much to learn from the railway system of Japan, and I hope facilities for inter-communication between both countries may come to be realised to some extent as the result of my visit."

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F. LINDSAY WOODS,
Acting Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 19th April, 1917.

NOTICE.

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C. McLESTER,
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G. R.

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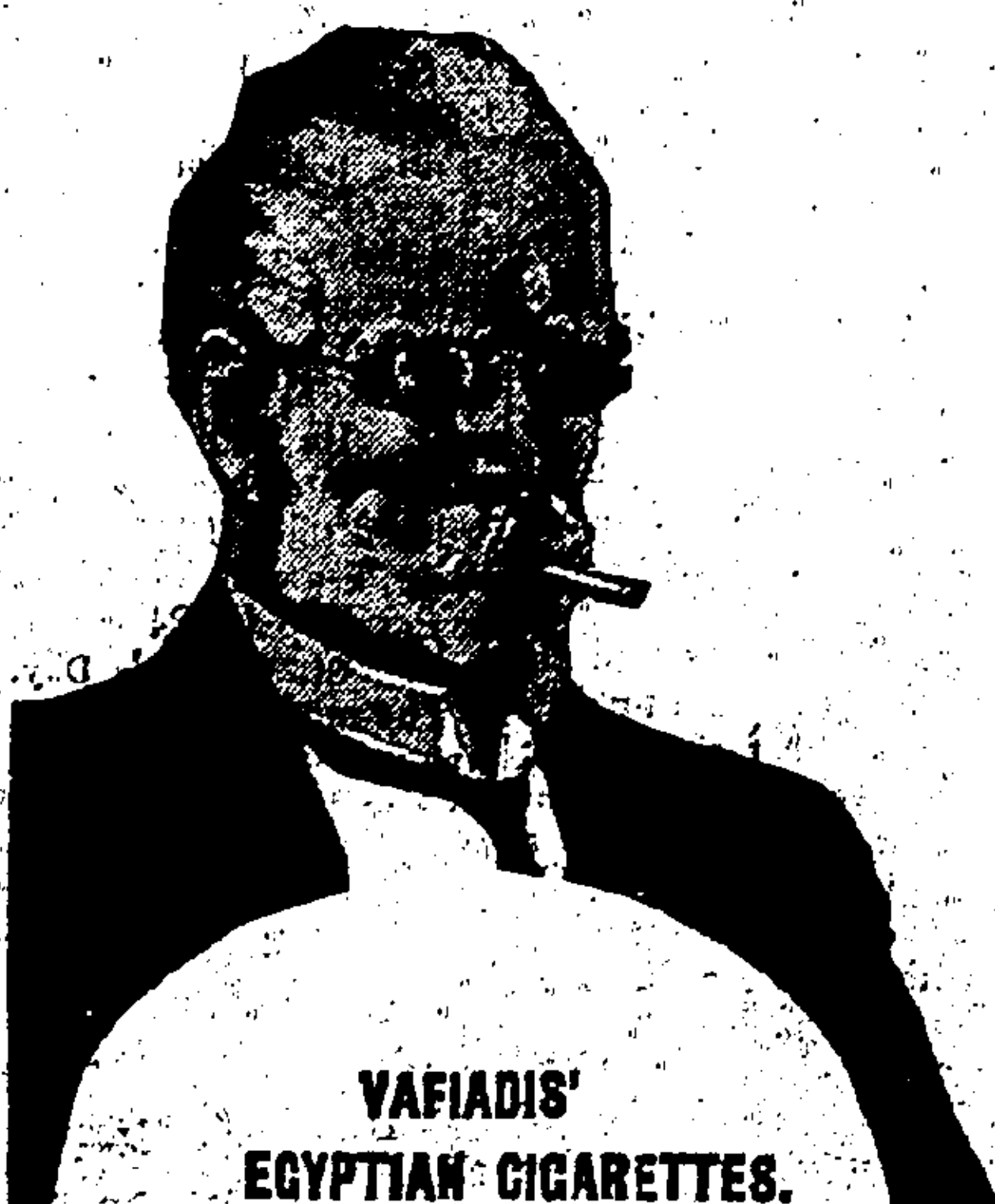
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Mrs. E. W. Dawson, family and relatives desire to sincerely thank their numerous friends for the many heartfelt expressions of sympathy in their sad bereavement, and for the beautiful floral tributes.

DEATH.

EDWARDS.—On the 19th instant at Fedw. Hill, Aberdare, S. Wales, Annie Edwards, Widow of the late Richard Edwards, and Mother of Mrs. F. B. L. Bowley, deeply lamented.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25, 1917.

THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING.

If in regard to the exclusion of the Germans from the Colony after the war, there has been any doubt or uncertainty as to the depth of feeling among the business men of Hongkong, it was most decidedly dispelled by the proceedings at last evening's meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, a full report of which will be found elsewhere in this issue. The room was packed by the Colony's leading business men; indeed, in this respect the meeting was one of the biggest and most representative gatherings ever held in the Colony. But of greater significance and importance than the size or character of the attendance was the intense spirit of enthusiasm and determination which animated those present. There can be no mistaking the depth or sincerity of the commercial community's feelings now. The proceedings constituted a thoroughly whole-hearted endorsement of the policy so ably pleaded by the Hon. Mr. Holyoak and his supporters at the recent Council meeting. And the fact that there is every probability that a public gathering will be held, to yet further emphasise the opinion of the Colony as a whole, is sufficient to make it clear that the Government has miscalculated the strength of public opinion on the matter.

We were glad to see that the Hon. Mr. Holyoak laid stress on the point that there was something more than the mere question itself involved in the demand for the passing of the resolution at last week's meeting of the Legislative Council. That is the right of the public, or of any considerable section of the public, to make its voice heard at Home. In regard to war problems, the larger Dominions have the means of expressing their views through the medium of direct representation at the Imperial Conference. The Crown Colonies, however, have to be content with such representation as the attendance of the Secretary of State guarantees. That fact in itself is sufficient reason why every facility should be given Hongkong, in common with the other Crown Colonies, clearly to express its opinions on matters which affect its interests, without having them coloured or misinterpreted by official despatches. The demand is well-founded and essentially constitutional, and we can only express surprise that it should ever have been opposed. As to the sentimental side of the exclusion of the Huns, Mr. Holyoak's latest speech has covered all that needs be said on that point. It is on the economic side that we encounter what opposition there is to the Chamber's policy. That opposition at last evening's meeting was in a very decided minority. It has as its one and only prop the argument that the Colony will be injuring itself commercially if the Huns are refused admission to Hongkong. One can appreciate the anxiety of those who hold this view that nothing shall be done which may react on the prosperity and future progress of the Colony, but we think their fears are wholly unfounded and that, on close examination, it will be found that their arguments provide their own answers.

The whole question, as we see it, is the ability or otherwise of British merchants to compete successfully with the Germans in the South China market. The Hongkong market, except as a distributing centre for adjacent territories, is of small account. How, therefore, can it be contended that we are more likely to succeed in rivalry with German trade operations in the South China market by admitting the enemy to this Colony than we are by excluding him? If the Germans think they can better serve their interests by establishing themselves in Canton, Amoy or Swatow, they will do it whether they are granted permission to return to Hongkong or not. It is all a matter of enterprise and pushfulness. The harvest will be reaped by those who sow well, aside altogether from the matter of the Germans' exclusion from, or admission to, this Colony. Whether the one course or the other be adopted, we shall have to face German competition in the neighbouring Provinces. The only argument which the anti-exclusionists have to advance on this point is that the Colony must necessarily benefit by the presence of the Germans here, in the way of harbour dues, wharf charges etc. But surely the benefits thus derived may be more than offset by the circumstance that, by permitting the Huns to avail themselves of the facilities offered by the port in the way of the handling of cargo, its transshipment and distribution, we should be helping them to expand their trade rather than otherwise. Hongkong is a far better base of operations than Canton, Swatow or Amoy, and ever hope to be. Why, therefore, should we allow enemy traders to come in and enjoy all its advantages when we know that they will be scheming might and main to neutralise us in the adjacent markets? It is our business to place every obstacle in the way of the Germans in the coming commercial war. We can best attain that end locally by keeping them out of Hongkong. To welcome them on economic grounds is to admit that their presence is essential to the progress and development of this British Colony, which is a shameful recognition of our own weakness.

Hongkong Awakes.

In to-day's leading article we discuss the more palpable side of yesterday's meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, but it may not be out of place to add that, inferentially, that meeting was not confined to the question of Hun exclusion. Underlying everything is the feeling that Hongkong is tired—tired to death—of a worn-out system of government by the Colonial Office at Home through its clerks. For more than a quarter of a century the *Telegraph* has been urging the desirability of a change—of the establishment of a representative Government, in fact—and of late this idea has taken hold of every class in the Colony. Our best ally in the matter has been, interestingly enough, the Government itself, for, by its eternal wrongheadedness in opposing movements which were manifestly for the Colony's good, it has made enemies of those who are bound to win in the long run—the members of the mercantile community, to wit. The public has waxed irritable at seeing, time after time, the Unofficials silenced by a Government majority; it has realised that Hongkong has been grievously misunderstood by its neighbours, and that the Colony's progress is perpetually being impeded by official obstruction. The Government has had a long innings, and the merchants and the general public have been amazingly patient, or amazingly apathetic. We may not always be proud of Hongkong, but none of us wishes to see it ridiculed by outsiders more than is absolutely necessary. The way in which to stop strangers from misunderstanding us is to set our house in order, and this can only be done by a united effort to force the hand of the Government at Home. Hongkong is waking, and, if the Constitutional Reform Association will do likewise, it will find plenty for its hand to do just at this moment. "Strike while the iron's hot" should be the watchword of every live man in the Colony to-day.

Unwelcome Presence.
Found sleeping on premises at West Point where he had no right to be, a Chinese was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, with being found on the premises for the purpose of committing a felony. He denied that he went there for anything except to sleep, but His Worship sentenced him to six weeks' hard labour.

Local Celebrations.

And Hongkong is awakening in yet another way. The St. George's Day celebrations were, throughout, a huge success. Indeed if the Hongkongites who left this Colony as recently as four or five years ago could have been here on the 23rd they would assuredly have thought that they had come to the wrong place and had missed Hongkong altogether. If the festivity was lacking in any particular point, that point lay in the direction of some form of military display. Assuming that a troop of the Colours and a *feu de joie* would have been out of place, there was surely nothing to prevent a brief route march of the armed forces of the Colony. Some may think, too, that a short religious service in one or both of the cathedrals would not have been out of place. But this is not a time for cavilling; rather ought we to rejoice that Hongkong continues to show a sound determination to throw off its shameful lethargy and to come into line with other places. The Police Reserve promenade concert of eighteen months ago broke the ice, and proved that it really was possible for persons of varying positions to meet in amity; while the splendid results achieved by the "Our Day" committee made the fact still more apparent. It has been demonstrated that Hongkong is singularly rich in ladies and gentlemen who have a special gift for organising festivities. Mention of names would be invidious. Why, we would again ask, cannot these form themselves into a permanent committee—after the war is over—for providing amusement that will lighten the life of the Colony? There is plenty of money here, and there would be no difficulty in persuading the owners to part with some of it for a good purpose—for Hongkong, with all its faults, is not stingy. The matter is worth thinking of. And what, by the way, is going to be done about Empire Day this year? We cannot afford to let it pass as it has passed in previous years.

DAY BY DAY.

FOR THERE WAS NEVER YET PHILOSOPHER THAT COULD ENDURE THE TOOTHACHE PATIENTLY.

The Dollar.
The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was \$2.49 1/2.

To-morrow's Anniversary.
To-morrow is the 55th birthday of Lord Grey of Fallodon.

Alice Memorial Hospital.
The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—B. Mori, \$10; Ray and Falconer, \$10.

Complimentary Dinner.
The Victoria Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade is giving a dinner in honour of the 25th Battalion of the Middlesex Regiment at the To Yuen Restaurant on Monday next, at 6.30 p.m.

Chief Officer's Loss.
The Chief Officer of the s.s. *Sanal* has reported to the Police that, whilst his boat was between Wanchow and Soi Hing, some person stole the key of his room and entered, stealing \$39 in money and a gold watch and chain, valued at \$63, the whole of his loss being \$40.

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Bijou Theatre.
The Bijou Theatre has a special attraction this week. The film entitled "The Woman" has drawn very good houses during the last two nights. The Paramount's Pictorials are exceptionally interesting and have been very much appreciated by the audience. To-night "The Golden Chance" will be screened. It is a most interesting drama in five parts, and should draw big houses.

To be Bitched.
Before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, a small Chinese boy was charged with having counterfeit coins in his possession. The story told was that the lad went to an Indian shop on the Prays East and said he wanted to buy some sweets. He produced a dollar which was found to be very light. The Indian took the boy to the station, and when he was searched by Sergeant Floyd, the boy was found to have another false dollar in his possession. "In the Court this morning, the lad said that he had the two dollars given him in Canton as a New Year's present, and that he had come to Hongkong with his sister to find an aunt. He had no idea that the coins were bad. His Worship ordered the defendant to receive 10 strokes with the birch and to be detained for 24 hours.

St. George's Day.
The model sailing yacht which was raffled at the Odeon Chantant on Monday was won by Mr. Lee Chu Pak, and the table lamp, kindly presented by the Standard Oil Co., was won by Mr. E. J. Wilkinson. The pony, Brown Bear, presented by Capt. Cassel to Mrs. Milner Jones for St. George's Day Funder, was won by Mr. N. L. Lee, who put it up for auction. Mr. V. Libram being the auctioneer, and realised \$100.50. Mr. Libram also auctioned two geese, which were kindly given by Mrs. Frost, of Kowloon, and these realised \$56.50 and \$65.00, the respective buyers being Mr. A. G. Coppin and Mr. G. O. Moxon; the first named also bought in Brown Bear. A shortbread which was kindly presented by Lady May was sold by Mr. Labram at the excellent figure of \$47 to Mr. E. Annett. The Committee wish to thank Mr. Eldridge, of the P. W. D., who kindly supervised the erection of the matteded, also Mr. Ng Ohong, the contractor, for his services and the special terms. In connection with the collection of the fund, Mr. T. E. Pearce's assistance was much appreciated, as well as the hospitality which he extended to all at the Officers' Club in the morning.

COMPANY MEETING.

Hongkong Tramway Co., Ltd.

(VERBATIM.)
The ordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Tramway Company, Limited, was held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Co., Ltd., to-day at noon. The Hon. Mr. C. E. Anton (Chairman) presided, and there were also present Sir Paul Chater, O.M.G., Sir Robert Ho Tung, the Hon. Mr. E. Shellim, and the Hon. Mr. Lau Chi Pak (Directors), Mr. W. E. Roberts (Secretary), the Rev. Father Robert, and Messrs. Ho Fook, J. D. Stevenson, Lo Cheung Ip, Ho Leung, A. V. Anson, J. Seth, J. M. Alves and J. R. King, (shareholders).

The Chairman said:—As there is a quorum present, I will ask the Secretary to read the notice convening the meeting and also the auditors' report.

The Secretary having read the notice.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, with your permission I will take the report and accounts as read.

The result of the year's working shows a profit of \$37,201 11 3, which is very much in excess of the amounts previously earned by the Company and enables your Directors to recommend the payment of a final dividend of 23 per cent., making 30 per cent. for the year. The large increase in traffic receipts is due chiefly to the influx of Chinese during the summer months, consequent upon the trouble in Canton.

It is very pleasing to observe the decrease in the loss on subsidiary coins, from which the Company has suffered so heavily in the past, and it is hoped that the coinage of the Colony is now on a sounder basis, and that this heavy loss will be avoided in the future.

As pointed out in the Directors' Report, the actual increase in the Hongkong Working Expenses amounted to \$19,714, and this, you will agree, is most satisfactory considering the increase in the price of materials, and the exceptionally heavy traffic of the summer months before referred to. In this connection I would like to draw your attention to one heavy charge on the Company, and that is the item of "Maintenance of Track and Roadway." The colliery trucks used in Hongkong cause excessive and irregular wear to our track, and we have endeavoured, without avail, to get the authorities to compel these trucks to keep to the side of the road, in accordance with the Traffic Regulations of the Colony. If this were done, a considerable saving would be effected in our maintenance charges. A rule was made in November last, under which new trucks will not be licensed unless the wheel gauge differs from that of the tramway, but this of itself will not improve matters very much.

The royalty of 5 per cent. of the working profit payable to the Hongkong Government has been included in the accounts, and you will see that this amounts to the sum of \$237 13 10.

The surplus cash of the Company has all been invested in sound securities, and these investments have been written down to the market value at 31st December. During the year, debentures to the amount of \$24,400 were purchased and cancelled.

The amount of \$2,441 13 8, which it is recommended should be written off the book value of the undertaking, is the final instalment of the sum required to write down the value in accordance with the valuation made in 1908.

Before proposing the adoption of the report and accounts, I call on you to answer any questions shareholders may wish to ask. There being no questions, I beg to propose that the report of the Directors and statement of accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1916, be read and the same be adopted.

Sir Paul Chater:—I beg to second that proposition.

The Chairman:—It has been proposed by myself and seconded by Sir Paul Chater, that the report and accounts be presented.

TO-MORROW'S MASS MEETING.

An Opportunity for a Public Declaration on the Exclusion of Germans.

The attention of the public is drawn to the fact that a mass meeting of citizens is to be held in the Theatre Royal to-morrow at 5.30 p.m. in connection with the movement aiming at the exclusion of Germans from the Colony for a prescribed period after the war.

The meeting is the outcome of a widely-felt desire that the community as a whole should have an opportunity of expressing its opinion on this important issue. Mr. H. P. White is to preside, and it is expected that there will be a crowded attendance.

A point to be emphasised is that the meeting is open to all residents of the Colony, and that everyone, whatever his views, will be given an opportunity of expressing his opinion.

ed be passed. Those in favour kindly signify in the usual way. That is carried. The second resolution I have to propose is:—"That the final dividend for the year ended 31st December, 1916, at the rate of twenty-three per centum per annum (making a total of 30 per cent. for the year) recommended by the Directors be and is hereby sanctioned, and that the same be paid to the shareholders on the Colonial (Hongkong) Register at the Exchange rate of two shillings, four pence and three farthings per Hongkong dollar."

Sir Paul Chater:—I beg to second that proposition. The Chairman:—This resolution proposed by myself and seconded by Sir Paul Chater, is now before the meeting. Those in favour kindly signify in the usual way. Carried unanimously. The third resolution I have to propose is:—"That the sum of \$2,441 13 8d. be written off the value of the Tramway undertaking."

Sir Paul Chater:—I beg to second that proposition. The Chairman:—The resolution has been proposed by myself and seconded by Sir Paul Chater and is now before the meeting. Those in favour kindly signify in the usual manner. That is carried. Mr. Stevenson:—I beg to propose that the Hon. Mr. C. E. Anton be re-elected a director of the Company.

Mr. Seth:—I beg to second that.

The Chairman:—It has been proposed by Mr. Stevenson and seconded by Mr. Seth that the Hon. Mr. C. E. Anton be re-elected a director of the Company. Those in favour kindly signify in the usual way. Against? Carried.

Mr. Ho Fook:—Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, I beg to propose that the retiring directors, Dr. J. W. Noble and Sir Robert Ho Tung, be re-elected directors of the Company.

Mr. Ho Leung:—I beg to second that. The Chairman:—It has been proposed by Mr. Ho Fook and seconded by Mr. Ho Leung that the retiring directors, Dr. J. W. Noble and Sir Robert Ho Tung, be re-elected. Those in favour kindly signify in the usual way. Against? Carried unanimously.

Mr. Clarke:—Mr. Chairman, I beg to propose that Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews be re-elected auditors of the Company at a fee of \$1,000, to hold office until the next annual general meeting of the Company. Those in favour kindly signify in the usual way. That is carried. That is all the business, gentlemen, and dividend warrants will be ready to-morrow.

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TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

Among the Parliaments of the world the United States Senate is the only body of first-class importance to allow unlimited discussion, says the *Manchester Guardian*. The French Chamber of Deputies has had a closure rule since 1813, and this is constantly applied. Before it was passed the Chamber witnessed many "filibusters," whose methods aroused intense violence and bitterness—just as they do at Washington—besides killing a number of measures that the majority favoured. During the last three weeks of a session of the American Senate Parliamentary tactics turn mainly on the situation created by this continuous-talk rule. Should a measure get postponed until the last week, a very small minority, if sufficiently determined, can always kill it. Earlier in the session filibusters are fought by prolonged sittings. When the Senate sees that two or three members are resolved to talk a proposition to death it counters by refusing to adjourn, and a sitting lasting over a week—day, night and Sunday—may ensue. Unless the obstructionists between them can keep the first unceasingly they are beaten. If there is nobody to continue the discussion a vote can be forced.

One of the difficulties of newspaper censorship in the United States, says the *Chronicle*, will be in the number of journals in foreign languages published in the Republic. These total close upon 500—65 being daily newspapers—and the majority have a circulation of over 5,000 copies per issue. Italian journals are the most numerous, totalling 85; then there are 55 Polish papers, 54 Swedish, and 27 Hebrew besides Norwegian, Danish, and, of course, a considerable number of German prints. French journals, including Swiss and Belgian periodicals, number only 18. Two Japanese and five Chinese papers represent the Oriental communities in the States.

St. Quentin, the capital of the Aisne arrondissement, is about twenty miles south-east of Peronne and thirty miles north-west of Laon. It is an important manufacturing centre and had, previous to the war, a population of about fifty thousand. The town stands at the junction of the Somme with the St. Quentin canal, which joins the Somme with the Scheldt, and with the Crozat canal, along which there also has been heavy fighting, and which joins the Somme with the Oise. The district of which St. Quentin is the centre is noted for its cotton and woolen fabrics, and in the town are manufactures of machinery and other iron goods, embroidery, etc. Even in Roman times the town was of great importance for it stood at the junction of five military roads. Its history has been a stirring one and many fine buildings, if indeed the Germans have not destroyed them, tell of a glorious past. In the war of 1871 the Germans under von Goeben and the French under Faidherbe met under its walls and after a sanguinary contest the latter had to retreat. The retirement was a most skilful one; the French army was saved and a few days later a general armistice ended the war. On August 27, 1914, the British expeditionary force reached St. Quentin in the retreat of Mons, and the following day crossed the Oise. Thus after a German occupation of over two and a half years St. Quentin will once again return to the French.

French railways, on which some of our rolling stock is now being used, retain a curious relic of their origins. Contrary to the rule of the road "Keep to the right" observed in the large majority of foreign countries, trains in France have always kept to the left, as in England. The proposition of French railways was made in 1825, and the first train ran on the line between Paris and St. Germain in 1825, and nearly all the engine drivers were for many years of the same nationality. These men followed the rule of the road that had been learned at home, and kept them on to their French ways.

THE SHARE MARKET
QUOTATIONS

Up to the Minute.

Banks.	a. \$ 712.50.
Unions.	b. \$ 915.00.
H.K. Fire.	b. \$ 330.00.
Douglases.	b. \$ 88.00.
Indes (Del.).	b. \$ 126.50.
China Sugars.	b. \$ 114.00.
H.K. Wharves.	sa. \$ 80.00.
K'loon Docks.	b. \$ 123.00.
Shai Docks.	b. T. 90.00.
Ewoe.	b. T. 151.00.
Kung Yik.	b. T. 14.50.
Shai Cottons.	b. T. 122.00.
Yangtsepoos.	b. T. 5.70.
Cement.	b. \$ 8.10.

EMPIRE DAY.

Naval, Military and Police
Rifle Shoot.

Rifemen will be interested to hear that the Police Reserve is arranging another big shoot for Empire Day—May 24. The meeting will take place on the King's Park range, and Captain G. G. Wood, H.K.V.O., will be the range officer.

Teams are invited from the following branches of the Services:—H.M.S. Tamar, R.M.L.I., and Naval Yard Police; R.G.A.; R.E. and Staff and Depts; 25th Middlesex; H.K.V.O.; H.K.V.R.; 14th Punjab; 18th Infantry; Hongkong Police and Wardens; Victoria Gaoi; Hongkong Police Reserve; Non-Service Rifemen (Naval Dockyard, &c).

Firing will take place with Service rifles issued—and as issued—by Government. Competitors will be required to provide their own ammunition. Aperture sights may be used for the deliberate practice only—penalty 5 per cent. to be deducted from the aggregate deliberate score.

The ranges and targets will be as follows:—200 yards deliberate, seven rounds and sighter, 200 yards rapid, ten rounds (magazine charged, time allowed 45 secs.); 500 yards deliberate, seven rounds and sighter; 600 yards deliberate, seven rounds and sighter. The target in each instance will be the Bisley figure, except at the 600 yards range, at which it will be a Bisley 18-inch bull.

The time allowed to a competitor within which to fire a shot (except snap-shooting and rapid) is 30 seconds from the time the signalling disc or flag is lowered.

The names of the six members of each team must be sent to Mr. Jenkins on or before Friday, May 18, at noon.

All officers of H.M. Forces present on the range and all competitors and range officials are invited to tiffin with the Police Reserve.

DAY BY DAY.

Victoria Theatre.

There was a good attendance at the Victoria Theatre last night when the first two episodes of the new serial—"Adventures of J. Rufus Wallingford"—were shown. These pictures are considerably above the level of the ordinary American serial, and should be seen. The current programme also contains a splendid new Willa film and a couple of good Gasettes.

Stolen Rubber.

Before Mr. J. B. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, a Chinese was fined \$25, or 14 days, for having in his possession a quantity of rubber which had apparently been stolen from the Kowloon godowns. The man was arrested in Kowloon City Road and his explanation was that he gave a man 15 cents for it. Inspector Gordon stated that the rubber was similar to what the defendant had been loading on a ship at the wharf, and there was no doubt that it was stolen.

COMPANY REPORT.

The Canton Insurance Office,
Limited.

The report for presentation to the shareholders at the thirty-sixth ordinary meeting, to be held at the offices of the Company, on Thursday, May 3, at noon, states:—

1916 Account.—After paying an interim dividend of \$18 per share on May 4, 1916, the amount standing to the credit of this account is \$633,993.89.

This, it is resolved, to deal with in the following manner.

To pay a final dividend of \$7 per share \$ 70,000.00

To add to Underwriting Suspense Account ... 363,993.89

To add Reinsurance Fund ... 200,000.00

\$633,993.89

1916 Account.—The amount standing to credit of this account is \$2,724,933.76. Out of which the General Agents and Consulting Committee have declared an interim dividend of \$18 per share absorbing \$180,000. The balance of \$2,544,933.76 will be carried forward.

Consulting Committee.—Since the last meeting Mr. D. W. Craddock resigned his seat on leaving the Colony. The Hon. Sir Paul Chater, O.M.G., Hon. Mr. E. Shellim, and Messrs. F. Maitland, H. P. White, C. S. Gubbay and Sir Robert Ho Tung, retire, but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. H. Percy Smith, F.C.A., and A. R. Lowe, F.C.A., who being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

HONGKONG AEROPLANE
FUND.

The Second Subscription List.

Collected by Mr. H. K. Evans:

N. H. N. Mody	...	\$ 351
J. H. N. Mody	...	100
N. Mody & Co.	...	75
Cawarji Palloji & Co.	...	75
Mr. & Mrs. A. B. Avasia	...	51
A. Parnes Sympathiser	...	51
F. P. Talati	...	35
Mehta & Co.	...	25
Patell & Co.	...	25
Mr. & Mrs. F. S. Madan	...	25
D. K. Satna	...	21
M. N. Mehta	...	20
Cooper and Co.	...	15
E. D. Kotwall	...	15
Patell and Co.	...	11
B. F. Kavarana & Co.	...	11
F. P. Shroff	...	10
R. B. Cooper	...	10
J. H. Bottonjee	...	10
B. K. Evans	...	10
B. Jooji & Co.	...	10
N. J. V. moona	...	10
P. D. Gotla & Co.	...	10
J. J. Verrania	...	10
J. P. Verrania	...	10
E. R. Mogra & M. H. Kavarana (\$7 each)	...	14
D. K. Kheras; D. H. Cooper; J. B. Patell; P. A. Jamsheer; Anonymous; K. S. Pavri; M. J. Doctor; L. F. Shroff and S. Dossabhooy & Co. (\$5 each)	...	45
E. O. Tamboli; K. D. Gorder; F. H. Elchidana; C. J. Bhargava; and A. D. Vania (\$2 each)	...	10

\$1,065

Previously acknowledged 1,087.39

Total... \$2,152.39

A Poor Excuse.

At the Magistrate's Court this morning, before Mr. J. B. Wood, two Chinese were charged with fighting in the street at West Point. Evidence was given by a constable, who said that he saw one of the defendants chase a small boy with a bamboo pole. The boy ran away and then the defendants went after him and struck him. The defendants' excuse was that they were being chased by a number of men who wished to assault them. His Worship imposed fines of \$5 and \$10 respectively.

AN ORDER FOR PENCILS.

Question of German Manufacture.

Before the Chief Justice, at the Summary Court, this morning, the Sincere Co., Ltd., claimed from Messrs. W. G. Humphrey and Co., the sum of \$536 for breach of contract, dated September 24, 1915, for the sale and delivery of two cases, of lead pencils to be delivered as soon as possible, no time-limit being fixed. The plaintiff also claimed the cost of the action.

Mr. A. M. Preston appeared for the plaintiff and defendants were represented by Mr. E. J. Crist.

Mr. Crist said the defence was that this was not a contract at all. It was an order, exactly the same as if he went to Lane Crawford's and ordered a Mackintosh which they said would order for him.

Letters were read which had passed between the parties, to the contract. Included on the letters was one from defendants, in which they said that the pencils ordered were of German manufacture and could not be obtained. They had tried to fulfil the order elsewhere, and asked for a definite reply as to whether plaintiffs wished the goods delivered at the increased price of \$3.50 per gross. Chen Kwong Sang, Secretary to the plaintiff, gave evidence. He said he was surprised that defendant's should say that, owing to the pencils being of German manufacture, they were unable to supply them, since they made the contract in September, 1915, a year after the outbreak of the war, and must have known they were German pencils.

His Lordship asked if he knew when the contract was made for the German goods, and witness replied that he did not. Did you make this contract personally?—No; we made it through a broker. Was nothing said about them being a German make?—No. Further evidence was given, and Mr. Crist said that defendants had just delivered five cases to firms who had ordered months and months before plaintiffs "at best prices obtainable."

Witness said they had reason to believe that defendants had delivered the same pencil contracted for to some one else. Their buying man bought 38 gross from a Chinese firm at \$3.85 per gross.

Mr. Crist:—If your Lordship holds that defendants entered into a definite contract to sell at a certain price, defendants have nothing to say with regard to damage.

His Lordship said he understood that the defence was *force majeure*. Mr. Crist said he was going to show that his clients could not fulfil the contract, and also that it was not a contract at all, but that it was an order.

His Lordship:—It is an order which you can be sued upon. Judgment was given for defendant.

POLICE RESERVE ORDERS.

Orders issued to-day by Mr. F. O. Jenkin, D.S.P. (Reserve) state:—

Parades. Thursday, April 26.—No. 3 Company under Chief Inspector Lammer and O. C. Company, at Central Station, 5.30 p.m.

Friday, April 27.—No. 2 Section at Water Police Station under O. S. M., 5.45 p.m. Also Reserve of No. 2 Company at Central Station at 5.30 p.m.

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OBITUARY.

Death of Mrs. A. Edwards.

The many friends in the Colony of Mrs. A. Edwards will regret to hear of her death on the 19th instant, after a long illness, at her residence, Fedw Hill, Aberdare, South Wales.

Mrs. Edwards and her three daughters are well known in the Colony, the latter having married Mr. H. L. Donny (Senior), Mr. F. B. L. Bowley and Captain C. J. Aston, R. E. respectively. Her three sons, William, Todor and Arthur, and Captain Aston, were all at the Western Front last year, where the eldest son (who enlisted as a private and is now a sergeant) was severely wounded. It is probable that anxiety for her sons brought on the illness which has proved fatal.

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TO-DAY'S
ADVERTISEMENTS.EXCLUSION OF GERMANS
AFTER THE WAR.

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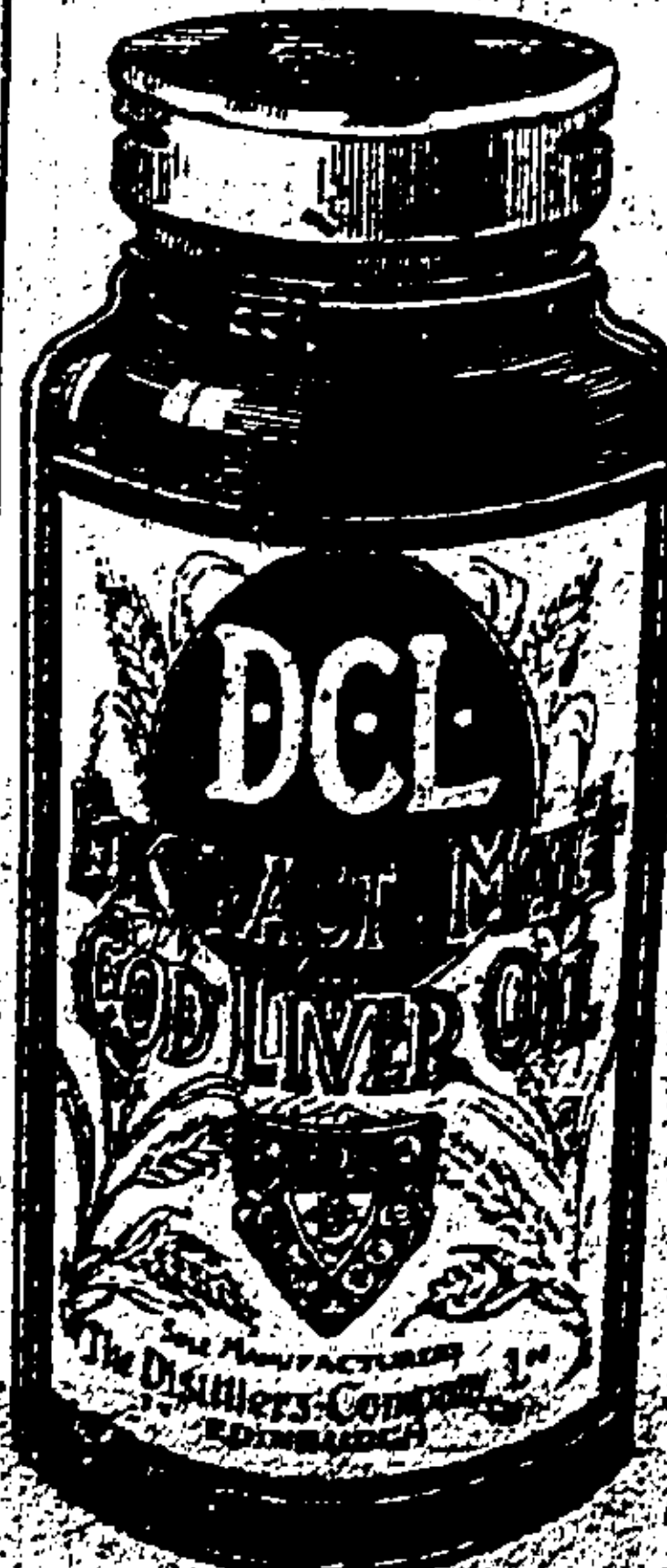
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Moji, Kobe, Nagoya & Yokohama.	Yokohama Maru Capt. Terada	WED. 9th May, at noon.
OGUTTA via S'pore, P'ang & Rangoon.		
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SHANGHAI, Moji and Kobe.	Rangoon Maru Capt. Kobayashi	THURSDAY, 11th May.
SHANGHAI, Kobe and Yokohama.	Katori Maru Capt. A. Kon	SUN. 29th Apr. at 11 a.m.
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SHIPPING NEWS

New Zealanders' Views.
Sir J. MacKay, the Shipping Controller, has notified shipowners engaged in Australian and New Zealand trade of his intention to take over the control of all tonnage engaged there-in. It is understood that the step is taken to ensure the most economical and most advantageous use of the shipping. The owners will retain the management and a committee of owners will collaborate with the Controller in regard to the disposition of the ships. If the Controller transfers any vessels to employment with countries nearer the United Kingdom, the committee will advise as to the best means of rearranging the programme of the vessels left in the Australian and New Zealand trade. The programme for homeward loading from Australasia should be placed in the hands of the central committee of agents, and would possibly be entrusted to the two committees now administering the loading programme of refrigerate to cargo. Similar action will be taken respecting other trades under consideration, and will be put in operation as soon as possible.

U.S. Bulkhead and Loading Regulation.

Mr. Redfield, the Secretary of Commerce for the United States, and his committee of shipbuilders and shipowners have laid before the United States Shipping Board the report on bulkhead and loading regulation. It was recommended that the British rules be adopted for American ocean-going vessels, and that the subject be studied further for American coastwise, lake, bay, and sound vessels. The report in full follows:--Article 1.--Sea-going ships.--1. As the question of determining the proper loadline for various types of ocean-going vessels has been the subject of an exhaustive investigation conducted by the British authorities and 2. As it appears unnecessary to repeat the same work in this country, and 3. As the United States is already a member of an international congress upon this subject, which would have met before this time but for the present war in Europe, and 4. As it is generally conceded in maritime circles that the present loadlines, as established by the British practice in general, render the vessels safe and seaworthy. Your committee therefore recommends:--1. That the United States adopt a method for the determination for freeboard of ocean-going vessels which will give, in general the same loadline as that established by the present British practice; this method to remain in force until such time as an international commission shall be called to establish an international loadline. 2. As British tables at present in use are recognised as being somewhat cumbersome, they would need some revision in order to conform to the present-day American practice in shipbuilding. Article 2.--Coastwise, lake, bay and sound vessels.--1. As vessels engaged in the coastwise, lake, bay and sound trade are not only operating under different conditions, but are in most cases of a different type of construction when compared with ocean-going types, and 2. As any set of freeboard tables based on ocean-going type would be inapplicable to such vessels, and 3. As the preparations of such rules and tables would involve a thorough and exhaustive examination of existing vessels, in order to establish what may be called the American practice in loading and operating such vessels, and 4. As proper, just and safe loadlines can be established only after such an investigation has been made, and the results carefully analysed by proper scientific methods, and 5. As such an investigation will necessarily take some time and involve some expense, the committee recommends:--1. That the present committee be continued and conduct such an investigation, and that the Shipping Board appoint one or more of their number to sit with the committee in their deliberations; 2. That a fund be established to take care of the necessary expenses involved in such an investigation; 3. That, owing to the importance which your committee attaches to such an investigation, if it is deemed improper for the committee to apply any fund of the Government, the committee be authorised to take such steps as are necessary to raise such funds.

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THE SILVER MARKET.

London, April 20.

Messrs. Samuel, Montagu and Co.'s report, dated 19th inst., states: The apathy of the market, due to scanty supplies and a small and fitful demand, changed yesterday when some China purchases set in and the market was not broad enough to fill the demand. It is understood that the United States Government made further purchases last week and the paucity offering from there encourages the idea that the coinage requirements of the United States is likely to be an important factor. Thus much expansion of American supplies is hardly to be expected even at advancing prices. Continued pressure to buy upon a starved market may carry the quotation to a figure more tempting to speculative holders, the number and the holding of whom are now modest, or to a level at which substantial China sales will become profitable.

THE Y. M. C. A.

Some Interesting Features of Its War Work.

It will doubtless be a matter of interest to the public of Hongkong to know that the Colony has been visited by Mr. J. J. Virgo, who is the well-known Sierra National Field Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., and who is at present making an Empire tour, which practically means a tour of the world, the object of which is to rally the Association and to cooperate for the great work it is hoped to carry on after the war. It was only owing to shipping arrangements that Mr. Virgo was unable to arrange for a lecture in the Outpost, he having to leave today for the North and Japan on his way to America.

Interviewed today by a representative of the *Hongkong Telegraph*, Mr. Virgo had many interesting things to tell of the Association's great work among the soldiers at the present time, and of the efforts that are being made to secure the future success of the organisation's activities. He said that the idea had been conceived of establishing at the headquarters in London an Imperial Council, with strong representation of the Dominions, and so that the Colonies could have a voice in the statement of policy in regard to the future work. The Association, he said, had come into existence long before the public mind was under the impression that the war, though many people were under the impression that it was a new thing. As a matter of fact, the Association was started as far back as 1844, and had grown to such an extent that at the outbreak of hostilities there were 9,500 Association members throughout the world, and a membership of a million and a half, and with property valued at thirty millions sterling. It was not surprising, therefore, that at the declaration of war the Association was prepared to meet the needs of His Majesty's troops. That it has succeeded is evidenced by the fact that it has disbursed 1,000 centres with their staffs, and has administered a total of 25,000,000 in the line of the fighting men.

Speaking of his visits to the various fronts and to the Grand Fleet to see how the work was going on, Mr. Virgo said that he had been on H.M.S. Warspite, although the Germans claimed that this battleship was at the bottom of the sea. Unqualified praise had been given to the work of Admiral Sir John Jellicoe and Admiral Sir David Beatty, and the ladies were most assiduous in their help. In France and in Flanders, he had seen the great work there and had spent two and a half hours under shell fire within 800 yards of the front-line trenches, where two Y.M.O.A. men were working in a dug-out, which the Tommies had found a boon. The Association had fulfilled the prophecy of one who had said: "I suppose you will be in the trenches with us soon." In Egypt, where the work was made difficult by the conditions existing, equally good work had been accomplished, and in Mesopotamia, it had followed the troops throughout. He had travelled on the first Bagdad Railway from Karas to Amara, which was only a two feet gauge, there were no carriages but only open trucks, where the engines sometime left the track and where it took them nine hours to cover 130 miles. Things were improving now, and better work was possible. In East Africa, the Association had been asked by the Government to undertake the whole of the canteen business. The Islands in the Mediterranean and in the Adriatic, along the Suez Canal, had all been attended to, and the 27 huts along the canal's banks were the coolest places in that hot region. Having travelled right through India as far as the Afghanistan border, he had seen the work that was being done there and knew the extent of the gratitude of the Indian people for the way the Association had looked after their neighbors in other parts of the world. In Australia, where he first began his Y.M.O.A. work 30 years ago, and in New Zealand and Canada, equally fine work was being done, especially in the direction of training character along the right lines. At Home, the Association had been of great use to the military authorities, for no less than 2,500 "Boys", for

The Last Case on the Calendar.

The last case on the calendar for the April Criminal Sessions was heard this afternoon at the Supreme Court, before the Chief Justice (Sir William Rees Davies). The prisoner was a man named Fung Kwai, and he was charged with robbery with violence.

Mr. G. N. Orme appeared to prosecute and prisoner was undefended.

The story of the case, as told by Mr. Orme, is that the complainant, an elderly man of the village of Ngai Kok, sitsuate over the border, which is only separated from British territory by the Sam Chen river had come over the water to another village to buy opium. When going back, he had 18 pots of opium in his pocket, and also \$8 in money. It was whilst he was passing through the swamp that divide the village from the river, that the prisoner sprang out on him from behind a bush. He was knocked down and nine pots and all the money were stolen. The prisoner made off, but the affair had been witnessed by two Customs Officers and two other men who knew the prisoner. He was later arrested and when charged before the Magistrate said he was merely remonstrating with the complainant for trying to smuggle opium. He admitted taking one pot.

Prisoner denied the theft and the assault and said he only threatened to report the man for smuggling opium.

Case proceeding

been made fit for service through the Y.M.C.A. gymnasiums.

Men going on leave were faced with a problem when they reached London, for they often had to wait some considerable time before they could get to their homes, and here the Association had, at the request of the Government, made provision for housing and entertaining them: Over 50,000 such men passed through London every week, and in the great buildings the Association had put to the use, over 15,000 men were given a place in which to sleep every week. Two large structures had been erected, each of which had cost £,8000 to build, and many existing buildings had been transformed into hostels.

Mr. Virgo paid a tribute to the great amount of work done by ladies, saying that at the outbreak of war over 80 per cent. of the Association's members enlisted. Having alluded to the interest that His Majesty the King and other members of the Royal Family took in the undertaking, he said that the Association was spending no less than £1,000 every week providing stationery for the troops to use on service. That involved the distribution of twenty million pieces of stationery every month, and it was safe to say that tens of thousands of letters had been written home by men which otherwise would not have been possible.

Referring to Hongkong, he said that he was sorry that the new building arrangements had been held up for the time being, and he thought it was a great mistake, because when the soldier boys returned they would expect a welcome from the Y. M. C. A. which had been so much to them during their fighting. He quite appreciated the views of those who thought it better to wait, but he did not think that there was any more important job awaiting those who were interested in the betterment of manhood than in taking steps to ensure the conservation of the manhood that would be left to the world at the close of the war. And the Y. M. C. A. could play an important part in that.

Mr. Virgo told several telling stories of the good work being performed, and said he regretted that time did not permit him to give a lecture on a subject in which he was sure most people were interested.

**OUTSPOKEN UTTERANCES AT THE CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE MEETING.**

**EXCEPTION TAKEN TO HIS EXCELLENCY'S RECENT
SPEECH.**

The Chamber of Commerce room in the new Government Buildings was packed last evening on the occasion of the extraordinary general meeting called for the purpose of discussing the question of the exclusion of Germans from the Colony for a period of ten years after the war. The utmost enthusiasm was displayed, and resolutions were passed in favour of such exclusion, taking exception to His Excellency the Governor's recent speech on the subject, and in favour of the holding of a public meeting at an early date. The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, the Chamber's representative on the Legislative Council, was given a warm welcome on entering the room.

The Hon. Mr P.H. Holyoak presided, supported by the members of the committee, Hon. Mr C.E. Anton, Mr S.H. Dodwell, Mr C. Montague" Eds, Mr A.O. Lang, Mr G. I. Edkins, Mr E. V. D. Parr, Hon. Mr E. Shellim and Mr N. J. Stabb.

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The Hon. Mr. Holyoak said:—The hour for which this meeting was called having already passed, I will proceed to address you on the subject for which you have been called together this evening. Briefly, it is this that a resolution which was unanimously adopted by your elected committee was rejected by the Legislative Council, and we have now brought you here to put it before you for you to endorse it, if it seems to you fit. The resolution which I have to propose, and it is identically the same as that proposed at the Legislative Council, is "That it is the opinion of this meeting of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce that it is in the best interests of the Colony that persons of German nationality should be excluded therefrom for a period of at least ten years following the declaration of peace, and that subsequently they only be admitted into the Colony under strict licence." And now, gentlemen, we contended that, speaking on behalf of the Chamber, there should be no hesitation on the part of the Government in adopting this resolution. It was largely academic, and did not seek legislation, but merely asked that the considered, and carefully considered, opinion of your elected Committee should be put before the authorities at Home who are shortly meeting to consider this very question. We claimed that we had a right to voice our opinion, as, whilst the greater Colonies will be represented directly by their own representatives, we as a Crown Colony, will be represented by the Secretary of State for the Colonies, and, without a direct pronouncement from the Chamber in no uncertain manner, we should be largely at the mercy of Government dispatches and recommendations which may not be known to us. Now, gentlemen, we further contended that this resolution was never seriously discussed by the Governor-in-Council, and that His Excellency's speech, where it was not flippant in argument, was at any rate unfortunate, to say the least of it, in choice of language. (Hear, hear, and applause.) It has been said, and was said, by the other side at the Council, that the appeal was made largely upon sentiment, and ignored economic facts. In the first place, it is impossible, in connection with this war, to ignore sentiment. The entry of England into this war was in the very first place entirely, and absolutely due to sentiment, namely that we should fulfil our treaty to Belgium. (Applause.) The entry of another great nation recently was precisely upon the same sentiment, and the result was

Gemen, it is impossible to conceive that as a result of this war sentiment in connection with it will have died down for very many years to come. Therefore we cannot afford to ignore it. You will notice that in endeavouring to present this case I am trying to present it without passion and to deal with it calmly and logically as it seems to appeal to us, and as I trust it will appeal to the meeting. I propose now to deal very briefly with the economic argument which it is said by the other side that we do not sufficiently dwell upon. Gentlemen, I really felt that it was unnecessary to argue it at length, because the occurrences, in connection with the liquidations, are such common property in this day that it seems unnecessary to argue at length, but since it seems desirable that I should speak a little more fully upon it I will do so. I said in my speech that the return of Germany to Hongkong would be inimical to the best interests of Hongkong, and that was when I was dealing with the economic argument. I have no hesitation in saying that almost sixty per cent of the German trade in this Colony was done in British cargo. Let us pause for a moment and consider what that means. All of us who are deeply acquainted with the textile trade here know that there have been many occasions in the past ten years where Lancashire travellers in this Colony have reported large sales to German firms when British merchants had precisely the same cargo to offer lying in the godown, prepared to accept spot cash prices; but unable to sell, though large sales took place with the other firms. Why? Because the whole basis of the textile trade and other trades in connection with German business here, was largely upon a credit basis. That credit had to be kept revolving and therefore it was essential to them, in order to carry on their trade, not only to go on selling, but what was more material to them, to go on buying. It therefore did not matter whether they sold at a loss or a profit so long as the credit kept revolving and this, gentlemen, is the evil to which I have drawn attention and which I am forced to dwell upon, because I believe British merchants in this Colony were opposed in their own trade in goods made by Lancashire firms, sold at a loss by Germans and sold to keep credit revolving in order that they might pay off new bills in advance of new obligations in connection with their trades. They misapplied the funds which should have been used to pay off bills. Thus this huge ball of credit was kept revolving, and I say that that business and that system of credit was immoral from first to last (hear, hear)—and I ask you whether you are prepared to admit back into your midst men who are prepared to reinstitute this class of business when after much pains and tremendous struggling the trade of this Colony has once more been put on a sound cash basis. As I said in the Council, the condition of the Colony to-day is healthier and sounder than it has been for very many years past and it would be foolish to allow them to come back to do their trade, when from the very nature of things they must offer terms which no self-respecting British firm would dream of offering. I do not speak of the wider credit system of trade to which the Attorney-General made reference. Trade in the hinterland, where larger Government contracts are concerned, and where there may be opposition to British firms, will have to be considered, and developed, as will also credit such as assistance by banks in order that the trade in that hinterland may be more fair. In the past we left much of that so characterised dangerous trade, because we thought it was dangerous, to our German competitors. I think we realise now that a large trade was done, and possibly a paying trade was done, and it must be developed on similar lines, though we shall endeavour to make it sounder. It was further hinted that if we did not allow the Germans to come to Hongkong it would lead to the development of Swatow, Amoy and other outports with railway connections between there and Canton, and the possible development of other ports. In the first place I doubt very much whether for many years to come they will be financially in a position to finance any big railway scheme or undertake a commercial development scheme, and even if they were I have no hesitation in saying that if the British merchants in this Colony allow it, it serves them right. If they are not alive to the possibilities of competition now, knowing they can meet and overcome it, then they will deserve the competition we may have to meet. If we do not work hand-in-hand with the Chinese Government and the great railway companies,

JAPANESE PAINTINGS.

Great Success of Mr. Klassen's Exhibition.

In spite of the bad weather and the excitement of the St. George's Day festivities, the exhibition of paintings by the young Japanese artist, Mr. M. Kinsen (which is being held at Messrs. Komoré's galleries) has been splendidly patronized. Large numbers of people have visited the galleries daily, and we understand that the sales of pictures have been most satisfactory.

Owing to an alteration in the sailing list, M. Kneen will not be leaving the Colony for another three or four days, and, during that time, the exhibition will continue.

Concealed Opium.

As he was passing the a.s. Hoibong, which runs from here to Wuchow, a Chinese was searched and was found to have concealed under his girdle a pouch of raw opium, cleverly done up in cloth to the shape of boots. When charged before Mr. J. B. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, he was fined \$100, or three months' hard labour, and the opium was ordered to be confiscated.

that may take place we are in a position to grapple with, as well as the Germans, then we shall deserve competition. In conclusion, and in putting this resolution, I would say that the question of the time limit of ten years was as far as your committee is concerned academic, and put it for the sake of argument. It was fully realised when this resolution was proposed that it would never be carried into definite action in this Colony. It was not said that it should be so, but it was merely desired that the expression of the Colony should go home for the Home Government to give it consideration in connection with Imperial legislation, and it was equally realised that whatever the Imperial authorities might decide, this Colony would have to fall in with, and would do so gladly. (Hear, hear.) But we did contend that we have a perfect right to express independently, our views to the Imperial authorities at home, and at that very point (hear, hear and loud applause). Therefore I am prepared to say that if the period of ten years does not meet with general acceptance, your Committee is prepared to modify this resolution in that respect, so that it meets with general acceptance because we are most anxious that a voice should go forth from this meeting in perfect unanimity, if we can possibly see eye to eye together in connection with this. I leave the resolution in your hands. (Loud applause.)

The Hon. Mr. C. E. Anton: Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen, those of you who read my speech at the Legislative Council meeting probably have recognised that I more or less based my arguments on the ethical point of view, not so much on the commercial point of view, although I had my views on that. After all is said, gentlemen, we cannot be guided in our policy by a mere matter of pounds, shillings and pence. (Applause.) I am aware that there are arguments and strong arguments, on both sides of the question, and personally I think we can maintain ourselves against German opposition of any kind; yet I would like to hear from those better acquainted with the trade of Hongkong—I would like to hear their views expressed, as I myself have only been a resident here for a very short time. With these few words, gentlemen, I think this is all I have to say.

Mr Parr said: I should like to accord my support to the remarks of the Chairman with regard to this resolution; and should add that it may be considered a matter of common or ordinary precaution. Gentlemen, we desire those sentiments to be sent home to the Home Government. The Prime Minister, very wisely, since the beginning of the war has gone into consultation with the best technical brains of the country (hear, hear) and we are encouraged to think that his Government would welcome the expression of opinion by business men in Hongkong,—men, gentlemen—who by their positions show themselves worthy successors of their great predecessors. (Hear, hear, and applause.) I think we have a right to ask that this resolution should be transmitted home. (Applause.)

The Chairman: Gentlemen, the meeting is open for any further discussion.

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9.30 a.m.

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ters 6 p.m.; Sundays, 5 p.m.

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SHIPPING NEWS.

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Awa M. Jap., ss. 3,694, Havasli, 24th
Apr. Shanghai, 21st Apr. Gen.
N. Y. K.
Daisichi M. Jap., ss. 1,055, Fukui, 24th
Apr. Yokohama, 21st Apr. Gen. M.E.K.
Takano, Br. ss. 1,444, Kennedy, 24th
Apr. Manila, 21st Apr. Gen. J.M.
& Co.
Tungshing, Br. ss. 1,107, Hamsay, 24th
Apr. Saigon, 19th Apr. Rice—J.M.
& Co.
Brishana, Br. ss. 748, McLellan, 25th
Apr. Saigon, 24th Apr. Rice—
Carmichael & Clarke.
Washing, Br. ss. 1,170, Picknell, 25th
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WEATHER REPORT.

On the 25th at 11.50—No returns from
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slightly at the Bonin Islands and slightly
at Weihaiwei and Vladivostok; it has
increased slightly to moderately else-
where. The anticyclone exhibits a ten-
dency to break up, and a depression is
situated to the west of the Bonin.

Fresh easterly winds will prevail over
the northern portion of the China Sea.
Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours
ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch.
Total since January 1st, 7.55 inches,
against an average of 10.48 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS

ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW

District.	Forecast.
1 Hongkong to Gay Road.	E. winds, fresh to moderate; cloudy, some drizzle.
2 Formosa Channel.	N.E. winds, strong moderate.
3 South coast of China between H.K. and Lamooki.	The same as No. 1.
4 South coast of China between H.K. and Hainan.	The same as No. 1.

China Coast Meteorological Register.

April 25, a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Wind.	Weather.
Vancouver	5a	30.53	44	ess	4b	
Kemmer	5a	30.05		w	1	
Bahadate		30.11		ne	1	
Tokio		29.91		nw	3	
Kochi		30.01		nw	2	
Nagasaki		30.13		w	2	
Kagima		30.04		nw	2	
Cap Rock		29.99		nw	2	
Naha		29.99		nw	2	
Ishijima		29.99		nw	2	
Bonin Is.		29.99		s	1	
Chafoo	6a	30.13	48	56	e	2b
Whaiwa						
Hankow						
Shanghai						
Changsha						
Gutslaff		30.15	34	96	e	1b
Sharp P.		30.15	53	88	nne	2b
Amoy		29.96	58	76	n	4d
Yamaguchi	5a	30.13	58	76	nne	2b
Taihu	5a	29.98	63	80	e	6b
Taiwan		29.98	64		nne	2b
Koshun		29.98	72		ne	4b
Pidore		29.98	68		nne	7b
Canton	6a	29.98	69	85	e	6b
Hankow		29.74	77	86	n	6b
Hongkong		29.87			ne	6b
Macao		29.84	68	88	ess	4b
Wanchow	5a					
Fukoh						
Hobow						
Phullen	7a					
Tourane						
C. St. J.		29.85	79	80	ne	2b
Apurri		29.76	77	89	ne	1b
Dagupan		29.70	77	89	nne	1b
Manila		29.78	75	94		0b
Legapi		29.78	77	96		0b
Indoban		29.78	77	96		2b
Batavia		29.78	75	86	ne	4b
Sourabaya		29.78	77	91	ne	4b
Loosan		29.70	77	91	ne	4b

C. W. JEFFRIES, Chief Assistant.
Hongkong Observatory, Apr. 25, 1917.
1 Barometer, reduced to 32 degrees
Fahrenheit on the level of the sea in in-
ches, tenths and hundredths.
2 Temperature, in the shade, in degrees
Fahrenheit.
3 Humidity, in percentage of saturation
the humidity of air saturated with mois-
ture being 100.